

Report No.	21-35
Information Only - No Decision Required	

UPDATE ON REGIONAL LAND TRANSPORT PLAN 2021-31 DEVELOPMENT

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide members an update on the progress of development of the **Regional Land Transport Plan (RLTP)** 2021-31 and advise of key steps in the process moving forward.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 21-35;
- b. notes the hearing dates outlined in paragraph 10.3;
- c. notes the updated timeline provided in paragraph 10.4.

3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3.1. There is no financial impact as a result of this decision.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1. No community engagement is required as a result of this item. Consultation on the draft RLTP has occurred over the period 9 February – 17 March 2021.

5. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RISK IMPACT

- 5.1. There is no significant business risk impact associated with this item.

6. CLIMATE IMPACT STATEMENT

- 6.1. This item does not directly impact climate change. However, it is acknowledged that transport has an impact on carbon emissions and climate change. The Regional Land Transport Plan is a regulatory document guiding land transport planning and investment. Climate change and carbon emissions from transport have been addressed as part of the plan development with the view to improving the level of carbon emissions being produced in the region.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1. RLTPs are the primary documents guiding integrated land transport planning and investment within a region. The RLTP sets the strategic direction for the region's transport network over the next 10 years. It describes the long term vision and identifies the short to medium term regional investment priorities to achieve this vision. The RLTP also includes a regional programme of transport activities proposed for funding over a 3-6 year period.
- 7.2. Under the Land Transport Management Act 2003, the **Regional Transport Committee (RTC)** is required to develop a new RLTP every six years and review every three years. The RLTP 2015 was reviewed in 2018, and as such, the planning cycle for the next RLTP

has commenced. The RLTP is required to be completed and submitted to **Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi)** by 30 June 2021.

8. PROCESS OF RLTP DEVELOPMENT TO DATE

- 8.1. There are several key steps in developing a RLTP which require consideration, discussion and confirmation from the Committee. These are:
 - 8.1.1. Confirmation of problems/issues and benefits for the region (**Investment Logic Mapping (ILM)** exercise). **Complete.**
 - 8.1.2. Confirmation of the strategic 'front end' of the RLTP ie. the vision, issues, objectives, and strategic priorities. **Complete (confirmed at 1 September 2020 meeting).**
 - 8.1.3. Prioritisation of the work programme (10 year programme of investment activities to be undertaken by AOs). **Complete (prioritised significant activities confirmed at 1 December 2020 meeting).**
 - 8.1.4. Confirmation of the draft RLTP for consultation. **Complete (confirmed at 1 February 2021 special meeting).**
 - 8.1.5. Public consultation. **Complete (9 February-17 March).**
 - 8.1.6. Hearing and deliberation on submissions.
 - 8.1.7. Confirm the final RLTP for adoption by Council.
- 8.2. The below outlines the work undertaken since the December Committee meeting and upcoming steps in the process.

9. UPDATE SINCE DECEMBER AND FEBRUARY MEETINGS

- 9.1. Two Committee meetings were held in quick succession. The meeting on 1 December 2020 was a standard meeting where the prioritised list of significant activities were prioritised. The meeting on 1 February 2021 was a special meeting held to approve the draft RLTP for consultation and establish the hearing committee.
- 9.2. Following the Committee meeting in December 2020, significant work on the draft RLTP was undertaken. Work completed includes:
 - 9.2.1. Collation of the work programme based on the activities submitted for funding via the **National Land Transport Fund (NLTF)**. Last minute changes and issues with the information provided meant this was a substantial task to complete.
 - 9.2.2. Completion of the draft RLTP including the strategic context (regional story) and strategic framework (vision, objectives, policies and transport investment priorities), and appendices following feedback from the RTC and RAG members.
 - 9.2.3. Development of consultation collateral, including newspaper adverts, a summary document outlining key information from the RLTP, social media collateral and media releases.
 - 9.2.4. Confirmation of the hearing panel and quorum to hear and deliberate on submissions to the draft RLTP.
- 9.3. The special RTC meeting on 1 February 2021 to approve the draft RLTP for release for public consultation, and establishing the hearing committee and quorum. Following this meeting the following actions have been undertaken:
 - 9.3.1. Finalising the consultation collateral (adverts and online content).
 - 9.3.2. Publicly consulting on the draft RLTP which included:

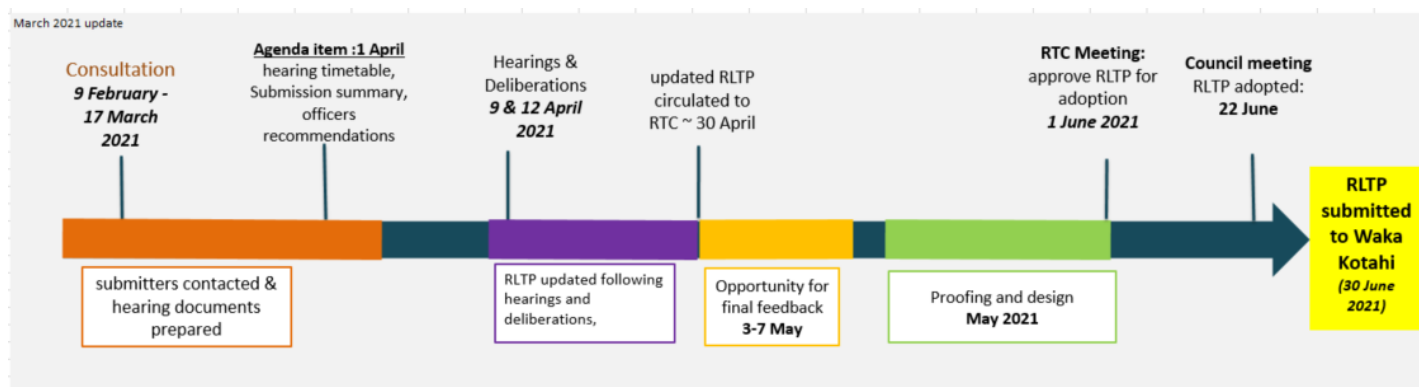
- Provision of the submission form, summary document and full Plan on the Horizons website, with a link being made available for TAs to put on their websites;
- Emails to TAs requesting they promote the RLTP on their own social media platforms and online forums;
- Social media promotion;
- Newspaper adverts;
- Hard copies of the draft plan were supplied on request.
- Emails to key stakeholders, iwi partners and interested parties advising of the draft RLTP and public consultation period.

10. TIMELINE / NEXT STEPS

- 10.1. Following the closure of the submission period, the hearing committee will meet to hear and deliberate on submissions to the draft RLTP.
- 10.2. At the time of writing this item, the submission period had just closed. The total number of submissions received is 55 which includes two late submissions. The social media campaign (specifically the sponsored Facebook post) attracted significant interest with around 200 comments received. While Facebook comments do not constitute formal submissions, it is intended to present the comments that have been received via social media to the hearing panel, with a summary of key themes for the panel to consider.
- 10.3. The key upcoming dates are listed as follows:
- **1 April**
Agenda item circulated to the Committee covering
 - Hearing agenda (including submitter speaking times)
 - Copy of all submissions
 - Submission summary
 - Officer's recommendations
 - **9 and 12 April**
Public hearings and deliberations.
 - **30 April (TBC)**
Updated RLTP circulated to RTC members with opportunity for final comment
 - **25 May**
RTC agenda with final RLTP for approval circulated
 - **1 June**
RTC meeting to approve the RLTP
 - **22 June**
Council meeting to adopt the RLTP
 - **30 June**
RLTP must be submitted to Waka Kotahi.

30 March 2021

10.4. The diagram below outlines the key meeting and report dates between now and completion of the RLTP development process.



11. SIGNIFICANCE

11.1. This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement.

Leana Shirley
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ANNEXES

There are no attachments for this report.